

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

John Doe K, by and through his guardians,
John Doe KT and Jane Doe LT,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil No. 10-2152 (JNE/SER)
ORDER

Gregg Alan Larsen et al.,

Defendants.

“Every pleading must have a caption with . . . a title The title of the complaint must name all the parties” Fed. R. Civ. P. 10(a). Nevertheless, a plaintiff may proceed anonymously under certain circumstances. *See, e.g., Doe v. Megless*, 654 F.3d 404, 408-11 (3d Cir. 2011); *Plaintiff B v. Francis*, 631 F.3d 1310, 1315-19 (11th Cir. 2011). When they brought this action, John Doe K, John Doe KT, and Jane Doe LT neither sought nor received leave to proceed anonymously. On December 9, 2011, the Court stated that it would dismiss this action without prejudice unless they moved to proceed anonymously within seven days. John Doe K, John Doe KT, and Jane Doe LT timely filed a Motion to Proceed Using a Pseudonym.

According to the Complaint, Gregg Larsen engaged in sexually explicit conduct with John Doe K, who is a minor; created visual depictions of the conduct; and placed the sexually explicit images on the Internet. Under the facts and circumstances of this case, the Court grants John Doe K, John Doe KT, and Jane Doe LT’s Motion to Proceed Using a Pseudonym. John Doe K, John Doe KT, and Jane Doe LT shall file under seal within seven days of the date of this Order an affidavit that discloses their true names. *See W.N.J. v. Yocom*, 257 F.3d 1171, 1172 (10th Cir. 2001).

Based on the files, records, and proceedings herein, and for the reasons stated above, IT
IS ORDERED THAT:

1. John Doe K, John Doe KT, and Jane Doe LT's Motion to Proceed Using a Pseudonym [Docket No. 24] is GRANTED.
2. Within seven days of the date of this Order, John Doe K, John Doe KT, and Jane Doe LT shall file under seal an affidavit that discloses their true names.

Dated: December 29, 2011

s/ Joan N. Ericksen
JOAN N. ERICKSEN
United States District Judge